Inspection of stores by DGSAD

3143. SHRI RAMSINH RATHWA:
SHRI GOPALSINHG. SOLANI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that there are a number of inspecting organisations carry ing out inspection of stores contracted by DGS&D ;

(b) if so, whether all such agencies have adequate work load;

(c) if not, what is the justification of continuing several such agencies; and

(d) whether Government propose to review the policy in this regard in the context of efficiency economy and ac countability?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES, CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED) : (a) Inspection of stores against DGS&D contracts is normally undertaken by the Inspection Wing of the DGS&D. However, in some cases the indenting Departments insist on inspection being carried out by other agencies in view of specialised and exclusive nature of items. Inspection of such items is, therefore, entrusted to these agencies, for instance, the inspection of stores for Defence indentors is normally done by Director General Quality Assurance (DGQA), Ministry of Defence. Similarly, for certain exclusive items required by Railways the inspection is carried out by RITES (Ministry of Railways).

(b) It may not be possible to comment upon the adequacy of work load with the agencies other than the Inspection Wing of the DGS&D who are carrying out inspection of stores against contracts placed by the DGS&D. So far as DGS&D Inspection Wing is concerned the figures (valuewise) of inspection carried out against DGS&D wing ins pect contracts and against non-Depart mental orders during the last 4 years are as under:—

Year	DGS&D orders	Non-Departmental orders (Direct Orders)	Total (Value Rupees in Crores)
1989-90 .	1,138.86	738.29	1,877.16
1990-91 .	1,434.58	721.00	2,155.50
1991-92 .	1,144.20	766.02	1,910.22
1992-93 . (Upto December 92)	723.92	674.98	1,398.90

(c) The roles of Inspection Wing of DGS&D and that of Inspection agonaies working under other Ministries of the Government are not comparable. The inspection agencies under different Ministries have been set up with well defined roles and objectives. Their expertise and functioning does not always overlap with each other.

(d) No, Sir.

Minimum exports price for rice

3144. SHRI S. AUSTIN : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have fixed minimum exports price of rice for 1993-94 ;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether this has adversely affected the export of rice; and

(d) if so, the steps proposed to be taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES. CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIM AHMED): (a) and (b) Currently, the Minimum Export Prices for basmati and non-basmati superfine rice are US $ 550 per Metric tonne and US $ 225 oer Metric tonne respectively.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.

Annual turnover of MMTC

3145. DR. MURLI MANOHAR JOSHI :

SHRI TRILOK NATH CHATURVEDI : Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to stale :

(a) the annual turnover of MMTC during each of the past three years :

(b) what is the present level of trade handled by MMTC with Russia and other former Soviet Republics and Europe and what steps are being taken to regain the old level of the trade; and

(c) what other new avenues are being explored by MMTC to gain the lost ground?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES. CONSUMER AFFAIRS AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) The anual turnover of